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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number	STL11384
First Named Inventor	Shawn A. Ruden
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	
Filing Date	Herewith
Art Unit	Unknown
Examiner Name	Unknown

**I her by declare that:**

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**DISC BIASING APPARATUS WITH A SPLIT-FINGER BIASING TOOL FOR A DATA STORAGE  
DEVICE**

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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**PATENT**  
**DKT. STL11384**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor(s):	Shawn A. Ruden et al.		
Serial No.:	Not yet assigned	Examiner:	Unknown
Filed:	Herewith	Group Art Unit:	Unknown
Title:	DISC BIASING APPARATUS WITH A SPLIT-FINGER BIASING TOOL FOR A DATA STORAGE DEVICE		
Docket:	STL11384		

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST**  
**(REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS)**

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above identified application,

**REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and

**NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY**

the following practitioners/patent agent are hereby appointed to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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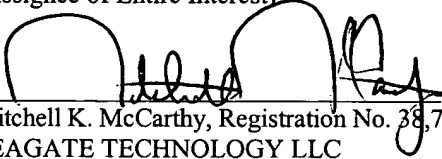
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Seagate Technology LLC states that it is the Assignee of Entire Interest in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of an Assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. A copy of the Assignment is attached and/or was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel , Frame . The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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WHEREAS, I/we, Shawn A. Ruden of 4504 Bella Vista Drive, Longmont, Colorado 80503, Denis A. Seewald of 1328 West Highway 152, Mustang, Oklahoma 73064 and Arthur A. Busick of 9730 US Hwy 77, Lexington, Oklahoma 73051 are the inventor(s) of an invention entitled DISC BIASING APPARATUS WITH A SPLIT-FINGER BIASING TOOL FOR A DATA STORAGE DEVICE that is the subject matter of: (check all that apply)

- ☐ provisional application for Letters Patent which is identifiable in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_;
- ☒ an application for Letters Patent which is identifiable in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed herewith; and
- ☐ an international application for Letters Patent filed pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty which is identifiable in the United States Receiving Office by Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and filed on \_\_\_\_\_; and

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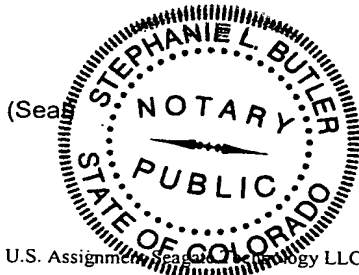
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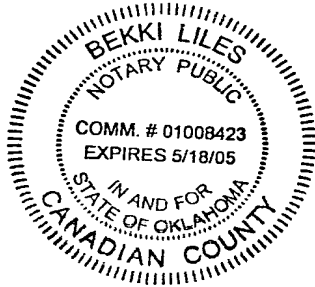


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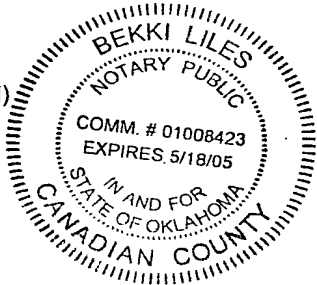
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